

Kayveas: Herd mentality drove youths to Bersih 3.0

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People Progressive Party (PPP) jumped on the Bersih bashing bandwagon today accusing the youths involved for “herd mentality” and not being able to think for themselves.

During PPP Federal Territories convention today, party president M Kayveas claimed that many youths who took part in the mammoth rally for clean and fair elections on April 28 did not understand the rally’s cause.

"If you ask them why they went, they will say they don't know, they just followed their friends.

"This is the kind of society we have now. We don't think," he said.

Kayveas blamed this kind of thinking on Pakatan Rakyat, accusing them of instigating the nation's youths.

He said that previously, students would dutifully play their roles, such as being students. But nowadays, he alleged that they are more likely to be engaging in an online smear campaign.

"They wake up, open laptop and slander people... 40 percent of (the country's population) is using social media, but much information they receive on the internet are not true," he told some 1,000 delegates.

Meanwhile, PPP Federal Territories chairman A Chandrakumanan condemned the Bersih movement for dividing the Malaysians "which have been living in peace for 54 years".

"We saw how the demonstrators overturned a police car, set fire to a motorcycle and how they kicked and beat up a policeman in uniform.

"The opposition is teaching the people how to be violent," he said.

'Indelible ink stone aged'

On the clamouring for electoral reforms, both Kayveas and Chandrakumanan parroted the common excuse that Pakatan's victory in five states during in 2008 allegedly proved that the electoral system was fair.

Kayveas took it a step further to denounce the indelible ink introduced lately as something that will "bring us back to stone age".

He said indelible ink is only used in countries where a proper voter registration system and identification card are found wanting.

Poking fun at the common method of preventing double voting, he said the ink will prevent beauty-conscious women from coming out to vote.

"For the ladies who do their fingernails, I don't think they would want to dirty their fingers to vote.

"After you vote, how are you going to hide one of your fingers from your boyfriend?" he quipped.

The former Taiping parliamentarian who lost his seat in 2008, added that the campaigning period was unnecessary as the opposition party is already campaigning everyday.

"I think we can just go to vote a day after we nominate the candidate," he said.

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